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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN LABOR PRESSURE ON SPANISH GOVERNMENT

REF: MADRID 2836, EC BRUSSELS 3409

1. THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (ETUC) IS IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO GO FURTHER IN RELAXING RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE UNIONS ACCORDING TO SVEN-ERIK STERNER, ETUC DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY, THE ORGANIZATION IS TODAY (MAY 20) MAILING A CIRCULAR LETTER TO AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS ON THE SUBJECT.

2. THE LETTER QUOTES A TELEGRAM THAT THE TRUC RECENTLY SENT TO PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ, AND RECALLS THE ETUC POSITION THAT THE EXTENT OF TRADE UNION FREEDOM IN SPAIN IS A MEASURE OF ITS DEMOCRACY, STERNER SAID. HE ADDED THAT AFFILIATES WERE URGED TO CONTACT THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT TO STRESS THAT THE PRESENT "LEGALIZATION" OF TRADE UNIONS FALLS SHORT OF MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, AND THAT THE "ETUC WILL NEVER
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ACCEPT THE ENTRY OF SPAIN INTO THE COMMON MARKET"
UNTIL THE GOS ACCEPTS TRADE UNION FREEDOM IN PRINCIPLE
AND PRACTICE.

3. STERNER MADE THE ABOVE POINTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF A BRIEFING FOR BRUSSELS-BASED LABOR ATTACHES. ASKED WHETHER HE COULD PROVIDE A COPY OF THE CIRCULAR AND

THE TELEGRAM TO SUAREZ, HE SAID HE WOULD DO SO
AFTER AFFILIATES HAD RECEIVED THEIR OWN COPIES. NOR
IS A PRESS STATEMENT BEING ISSUED AT THIS TIME.
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